

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Periodic Reporting
(Proposal Nine)

Docket No. RM2015-18

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued August 20, 2015)

To clarify the Postal Service's petition to consider a change in analytical principles (Proposal Nine), filed August 5, 2015,¹ the Postal Service is requested to provide a written response to the following question. The answer should be provided as soon as it is developed, but no later than August 27, 2015.

1. In Order No. 2472,² the Commission directed the Postal Service to file a proposed methodology for determining the costs of the new Periodicals Mail Carrier Route bundle and pallet entry options. Proposal Nine appears to identify a methodology for estimating the costs for Carrier Route pallets only, and not for Carrier Route bundles.
 - a. Please confirm that the Postal Service plans to file a proposed methodology to replace the unit cost proxies provided in Docket No. R2015-4 for Carrier Route bundles.
 - b. If confirmed, please provide a date for when the proposal will be filed.

¹ Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Nine), August 5, 2015 (Petition).

² See Docket No. R2015-4, Order on Revised Price Adjustments for Standard Mail, Periodicals, and Package Services Products and Related Mail Classification Changes, May 7, 2015, at 63 (Order No. 2472).

- c. If not confirmed, please provide a rationale for continuing to use the 5-Digit bundle costs as a proxy for Carrier Route bundle costs. In the response, please include a discussion of the similarities and differences between 5-Digit and Carrier Route bundle handling.

By the Acting Chairman.

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